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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the non-final Official Action presently outstanding in the above-identified case, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's currently outstanding rejections. The claims as they currently stand are as follows: